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SUBJ: ATTEMPT TO SET FIRE TO A SOVIET MISSION CAR
ON MAY 24

REF: USUN 1951 OF MAY 24, 1974

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED NOTE VERBALE FROM SOVIET MISSION
DATED MAY 31, 1974 CONCERNING ATTEMPT BY TWO YOUNG MEN
TO SET FIRE TO A SOVIET MISSION CAR.TEXT OF INFORMAL
TRANSLATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

QTE: AT ABOUT FIVE O'CLOCK A.M. ON MAY 24, 1974 GROUP
OF UNKNOWN PERSONS COMMITTED ANOTHER SHOCKING
ACT OF VANDALISM. SMUN CAR DEP 595 HAD GASOLINE
POURED OVER IT AND WAS SET AFIRE BY NOTED GROUP
OF CRIMINAL ELEMENTS. (THIS AUTOMOBILE), ASSIGNED
TO SUMUN ATTACHE V.I. YEZHOV, WAS PARKED ON
LEXINGTON AVENUE BETWEEN 67TH AND 68TH STREETS,
THAT IS IN VINCINITY OF SMUN BUILDING.

QTE OWING ONLY TO FACT THAT AMERICAN POLICE ON DUTY AT SMUN
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BUILDING TOOK STEPS TO ESTINGUISH FLAMES WAS AN EXPLOSION

OF GAS TANK AND START OF A FIRE AVOIDED.

QTE SMUN LODGES A PROTEST AGAINST THIS NEW CRIMINAL ACT OF VANDALISM AGAINST AUTOMOBILES OF SMUN AND DEMANDS TAKING OF IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE STEPS TO INSTITUTE COURT PROCEEDINGS AGAINST PERSONS GUILTY OF COMMITTING THIS CRIMINAL ACT, AND TO PREVENT IN FUTURE THIS KIND OF BARBARIC ACTIVITY IN A CIVILIZED COUNTRY. UNQTE

2. SUBSEQUENT TO ARREST BY NEW YORK POLICE AND FOLLOWING AGREEMENT BY AUSA TO PROSECUTE IN FEDERAL COURT, WARRANTS WERE ISSUED AND STANLEY SPIRN AND VITTOR VASCIER WERE RE-ARRESTED BY FBI ON MAY 28, 1974 AND ARRAIGNED IN US SOUTHERN DISTRICT COURT. SPIRN WAS CHARGED UNDER FPO STATUTE (PROTECTION OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS); VASCIER, BECAUSE OF AGE, WAS CHARGED UNDER JUVENILE DELINQUENCY ACT. PRETRIAL HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 17, 1974. BOTH NEW YORK CITY POLICE AND FBI CONFIRM SPIRN AND VASCIER APPREHENDED IN ACT OF POURING GASOLINE ON CAR; CONTRARY TO SOVIET VERSION, VEHICLE WAS NOT REPEAT NOT SET AFIRE. SCALI

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